

**Created- 1498**

**Located- The original mural is on a wall of the refectory (dining hall) in the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy.**

**5 Facts- 1.It took three years to make it. He began it in 1495 and finished it in 1498**

**2. Christ is in it**

**3.** **It's really - 460 x 880 cm (15 x 29 feet). It covers an entire large wall, very unlike reproductions sized to hang neatly behind one's sofa.**

**4.** **Because his employer requested he do so. Leonardo worked for Ludovico Sforza, Duke of Milan, for nearly eighteen years (1482-99). The Duke decided he wanted this particular religious scene painted and Leonardo, who was not stupid, decided painting it made perfect financial sense.**

**5. It was painted on dry plaster thus it’s a little cracked**

**Why it is important- The Last Supper is important to Christians for what it commemorates - the suffering and death of their Lord and Savior. Jesus began this practice 'on the night when He was betrayed,' in the shadow of the cross. In the same way Christians are to live in the shadow of their own personal cross and death to self just like their Master and Lord.**